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SUBJ: WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE POSITION ON MENGELE INVESTIGATION
REPORT
2. DR. ROMEU TUMA, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FEDERAL POLICE IN
SAO PAULO AND HEAD OF THE MENGELE INVESTIGATION, TOLD POLOFF
AND USG SPONSORED EXPERTS ON JUNE 21 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A
TELEGRAM THE PREVIOUS EVENING FROM THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE,
REQUESTING THAT THE FORENSIC REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION
NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF
THE TELEGRAM READS, "DEEPLY SATISFIED BY SERIOUS LEVEL OF
YOUR INQUIRY THUS FAR, HAVE ONE REQUEST THAT GERMAN
PROSECUTOR AGREES WITH: NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC FORENSIC REPORT
BEFORE YOU OBTAIN MEDICAL DETAILS FROM MENGELE FAMILY WHICH
WAS (SIC) PROMISED TO GERMAN PROSECUTOR AND NEVER DELIVERED."
THE TELEGRAM GOES ON TO NOTE THAT INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED
BY THE FAMILY IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FORM OF PERSONAL
TESTIMONY, RATHER THAN DOCUMENTARY OR SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE. IF
THE FORENSSR

LIC REPORT IS RELEASED FIRST, WIESENTHAL
INSTITUTE FEARS THE FAMILY MAY TAILOR ITS TESTIMONY TO
CONFIRM THE REPORT, OBSCURING IN THE PROCESS INFORMATION
WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT THE BODY EXHUMED IN EMBU IS NOT
THAT OF MENGELE. THE TELEGRAM IS SIGNED BY RABBI M. HIER,
DEAN, SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER, LOS ANGELES.
3. TUMA EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT THE WIESENTHAL CENTER'S
REQUEST AND INDICATES HE HAS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING HIS

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PLANS TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF THE FORENSIC EXPERTS TO THE PUBLIC ON JUNE 21. WE NOTE THAT ALL USG AND WIESENTHAL SPONSORED FORENSIC EXPERTS HAVE SIGNED THE INVESTIGATION'S PRELIMINARY REPORT (REFTEL SP 1585) WHICH STATES THAT THE SKELETON EXHUMED IN EMBU "...IS THAT OF JOSEF MENGELE WITHIN A REASONABLE SCIENTIFIC CERTAINTY."

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